

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 1 has been amended. Claims 7-9 and 17-24 have been withdrawn. Claims 1, 3-6, 10-12 and 14-16 are pending and under consideration.

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

The Applicant extends his thanks to the Examiner for the consideration shown to the Applicant's representative on October 31, 2006 regarding a proposed Examiner's Amendment. It is regretted that a response was not supplied in time. However, the present amendment incorporates the changes previously suggested by the Examiner.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC 112

Claims 1, 3-6 and 10-16 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Appropriate correction has been made to claim 1 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Claims 3-6 and 10-16 depend on claim 1 and are therefore believed to be definite for the foregoing reason.

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejection is requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that claim 1 has been found to contain allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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